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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 4, 2003 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants elect protein as the species that is consonant with the election of Group I, claims 1-14 (as elected in the Response to Restriction Requirement filed on December 18, 2002).

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